



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** PURDIN DITCH FISH PASSAGE SCREENING AND WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT

**Description of Proposal:** Remove the existing non-compliant concrete dam and headgate and construct a new concrete sill and roughened channel to maintain irrigation deliveries and provide fish passage. A WDFW and NOAA Fisheries compliant fish screen will be installed to prevent entrainment of fish into Purdin Ditch. The unlined ditch will be converted to pipeline and numerous on-farm irrigation efficiency projects will be implemented. The new pipeline will follow property boundaries and road right of ways rather than be placed in the existing ditch alignment for much of its length.

**Proponent/Applicant:**

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**Location of Proposal:** all in Yakima County:

The Point of Diversion for Purdin Ditch:

- Dry Creek—a distributary of Wenas Creek about 3 miles downstream of Wenas Lake
- 1908 Longmire Lane Selah, WA 98942
- Parcel # 17152411408
- Section 24, Township 15, Range 17

The Purdin Ditch Pipeline Project:

- Located westerly of Dry Creek
- Pipeline begins at Point of Diversion and continues southerly for about 4 miles along property lines and in County Road Right of Ways
- Terminates at parcel # 18153113002
- Section 31, Township 15, Range 18

See Map attached.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days**

from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **July 28, 2011**.

**Method of Comment:**

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Bob Zeigler

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

**DATE OF ISSUE:**

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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